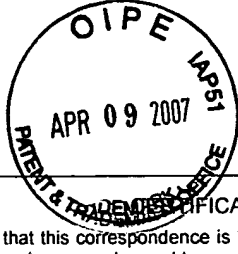


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In re Appln. of: ANTONIO CHIGA
Appln. No.: 10/783,988
Filed: February 20, 2004
For: FILTER FOR MEDICAL AND
LABORATORY USE, ESPECIALLY FOR
BLOOD AND THE LIKE
Attorney Docket No: 396/491

Examiner: Neil Turk
Art Unit: 1743

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION (37 CFR 1.116)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116 and the expedited procedure for processing amendments and other replies after final rejection in accordance with MPEP 714.13: